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DEVILS SIGN DEFENSEMAN MIRCO MUELLER TO A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT

Newark, NJ - The New Jersey Devils today signed defenseman Mirco Mueller to a two-year, one-way contract with an average annual value of \$850,000. The contract breakdown is as follows: 2017-18, \$775,000 & 2018-19, \$925,000. The announcement was made by Devils' Executive Vice President/General Manager Ray Shero.

Mueller was acquired by New Jersey along with a 2017 fifth round selection (#143 overall, Aarne Talvitie) for the Devils' 2017 second-round selection (#49 overall-previously acquired from Boston, Mario Ferraro) and 2017 fourth-round selection (#123 overall-previously acquired from Nashville, later traded to NY Rangers, Brandon Crawley) on June 17, 2017.

Before being traded to New Jersey, the 22-year-old defenseman had spent his entire career with the Sharks' organization from 2014-17. He has spent the past three seasons splitting time with the San Jose's AHL and NHL affiliates. This past season, he appeared in four games with the Sharks, scoring one goal and one assist. He also skated in 62 games with the Barracuda (AHL), notching two goals and 18 assists for 20 points and added five assists in 15 Calder Cup Playoff contests. In 54 career NHL games, he has two goals and four assists for six points and 17 penalty minutes. Mueller made his NHL debut on October 8, 2014 at Staples Center against the Los Angeles Kings.

The 6-3, 210lb., left-shooting blueliner started his professional career with a nine-game stint in Worcester (AHL) in 2014. A native of Winterthur, Switzerland, Mueller played youth hockey for Swiss development clubs in his hometown and in Kloten. He has represented his home country at the IIHF World Junior under-18 and under-20 competitions. Following his time in Switzerland, Mueller traveled to North America, where he played for two seasons (2012-13 & 2013-14) with Everett of the Western Hockey League. Born on March 21, 1995, he was selected by San Jose in the first round (18th overall) in the 2013 NHL Draft.

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